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Ehh...
WHAT'S WRONG?
WEATHER? NOSTALGIA? NOTHING? Ehh... I DON'T KNOW...
BUT A TREAT WOULD HELP!
WE'RE GOING FOR A WALK. YOU WANT A TREAT. WE'RE COMING BACK HOME, YOU WANT ANOTHER ONE.
A TREAT BEFORE BREAKFAST AND AFTER DINNER. WHEN YOU'RE SAD AND WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY. MORE AND MORE... WHAT IF WE SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF TREATS?

AND YOU? YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH *THIS*? KNOWING YOU COULD HAVE MORE...
MORE?
I DON'T KNOW... MORE! YOU'RE TELLING ME ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL STORIES BUT YOU KNOW THAT YOU COULD TELL THEM TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE! VISIT BIG THEATRES! AMAZING CITIES!
I KNEW ONE AMAZING CITY...

THE BEAUTIFUL CITY CALLED GDAŃSK.

FULL OF RICH MERCHANTS...

...FAMOUS TRAVELERS...

...AMAZING PIRATES...

...AND GREAT FISHERMEN.

THIS IS A STORY ABOUT ONE FISHERMAN.
WHO ALWAYS WANTED MORE.
HE THOUGHT THAT ONLY "MORE"...
...WOULD MAKE HIM HAPPY.
SMILE A BIT! IT'S A GREAT CATCH!
RIGHT...
I KNOW WHAT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY.

TODAY'S EARNINGS.
SO IT WAS A GOOD DAY?
NOT GOOD ENOUGH... I HAVE TO GO BACK, DO A NIGHT SHIFT.
SO LET'S EAT, BECAUSE I CAN'T WASTE TIME.
MAYBE YOU COULD WORK MORE TOMORROW AND SPEND THE EVENING WITH US? ANITA...
...WANTED TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.
LET'S JUST EAT!

WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD, A DECENT HOME, AND A DAUGHTER WITH AN AMAZING TALENT. WE DON'T NEED MORE MO--

MONEY FOR MY DREAM CARAVEL WON'T EARN ITSELF!

Ehh...
SHE'S A BEAUTY, EH?

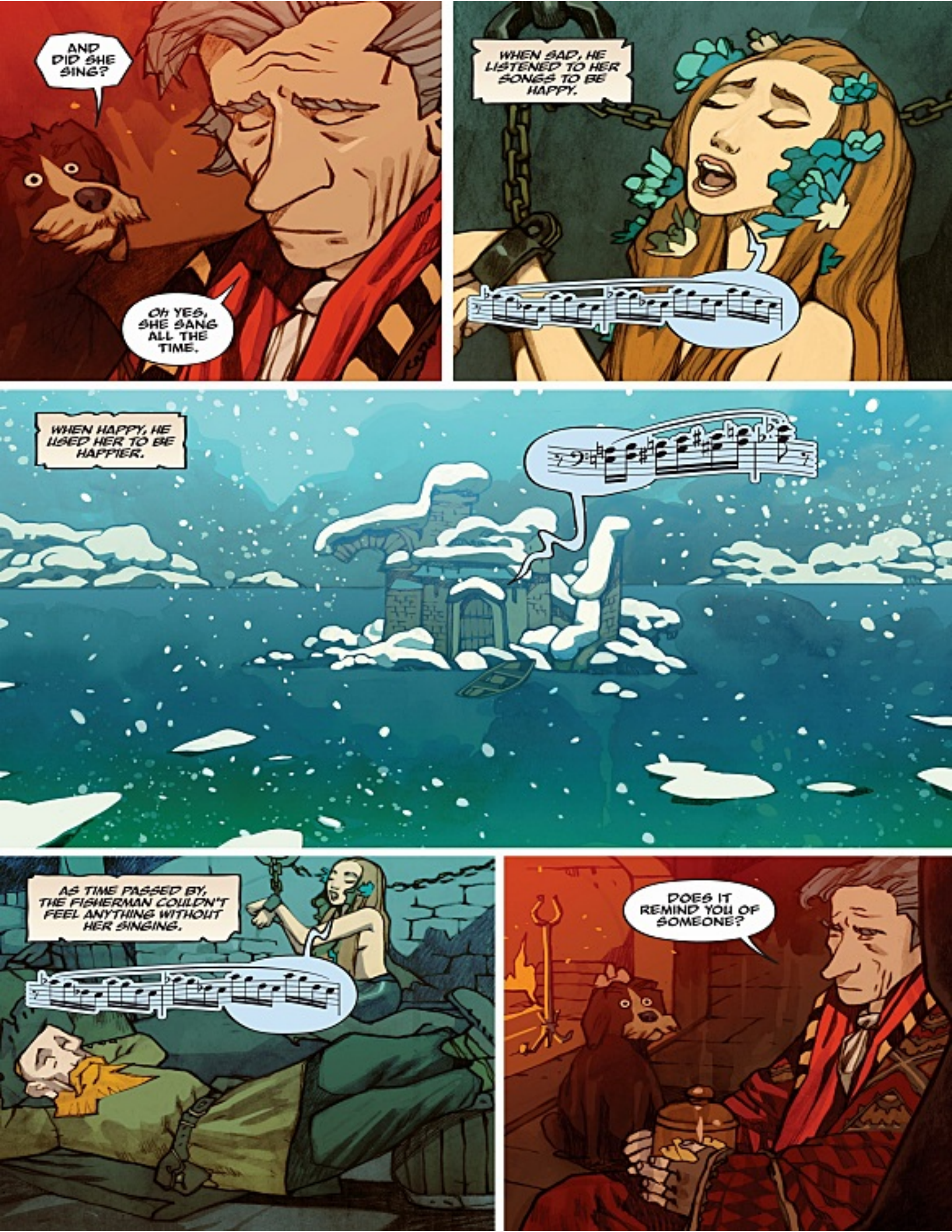
EXCUSE ME?
BEAUTIFUL AND STRONG. WITH HER, YOU COULD GO EVERYWHERE.
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR A SHIP LIKE THAT, EY?
HA HA HA! DON'T BE AFRAID, I WON'T TAKE YOUR MONEY.
BUT I COULD EARN IT, EY! IF YOU SEEK ADVENTURES OR TREASURES, I CAN TAKE YOU WITH US FOR A MODEST FEE.
N-NO... THANK YOU...
I SAW MANY LONELY TRAVELERS WHO WANTED EVERYTHING FOR THEMSELVES! LOTS OF THEM...

"...AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA."
THE FISHERMAN ALMOST LOST HIS HOPE.
BUT THEN HE HEARD SOMETHING.
AND HE FELT...

...AS HAPPY AS HE HAD NEVER BEEN.

THUD
YOU'RE HOME...
I JUST CAME TO TAKE SOME FOOD.
SOMETHING HAPPENED? YOU SEEM TO BE VERY--
HAVE TO GO!
YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDS YOU!

BUT THE FISHERMAN CHANGED. HE ONLY CARED ABOUT WHAT HE NEEDED.
THAT'S WHY HE WENT TO HIS SECRET PLACE.
SING!


AND DID SHE SING?
OH YES, SHE SANG ALL THE TIME.
WHEN SAD, HE LISTENED TO HER SONGS TO BE HAPPY.
WHEN HAPPY, HE USED HER TO BE HAPPIER.
AS TIME PASSED BY, THE FISHERMAN COULDN'T FEEL ANYTHING WITHOUT HER SINGING.
DOES IT REMIND YOU OF SOMEONE?

WHAT ABOUT HIS FAMILY?
AFTER MANY MONTHS, HE DECIDED TO COME BACK AND VISIT THEM.
BUT NO ONE WAS THERE AND HE FELT GREAT SADNESS.
SO WHAT DID HE DECIDE TO DO?

HE WANTED A TREA--ehm... THE MERMAID'S SONG!
OH YES, HE DID.
S-SING...
BUT HER SONGS DIDN'T MAKE HIM HAPPY ANYMORE.
THE FISHERMAN FELT AS SAD AS HE HAD NEVER BEEN.
NO...
NOOO!

AND HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE SAD EVER AGAIN.
YOU USED ME AND THREW AWAY YOUR LIFE WHILE THE THING YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

SO THE FISHERMAN BEGAN A LONG SEARCH FOR ANOTHER MERMAID AND ANOTHER CHANCE FOR HAPPINESS.
BUT HE COULDN'T MAKE IT ON HIS OWN.

HE SPENT ALL OF HIS MONEY TO FIND HIS HAPPINESS AGAIN.

ENCOUNTERED DANGEROUS CREATURES IN THE NORTH.

SAW THE POWER OF NATURE IN THE SOUTH.

HE ALMOST DIED IN THE EAST.

AND MET NEW FRIENDS IN THE WEST.

BUT THE FISHERMAN DIDN'T FIND HAPPINESS IN THESE DISTANT LANDS.

HE FOUND IT...
...CLOSER THAN HE THOUGHT.

IT'S A SAD STORY.
SO MAYBE YOU WANT A TREAT?

NO... I DON'T WANT THEM ANYMORE.
THAT'S WHY I DO NOT DREAM ABOUT TELLING MY STORIES TO MORE PEOPLE.
I JUST LIKE TELLING STORIES AND I'M HAPPY WITH YOU LISTENING.
IF THE STORIES ARE GOOD...
...MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WILL HEAR THEM ANYWAY.
THE END.

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FIREFLY: THE UNIFICATION WAR VOL. 1

GREG PAK • DAN McDAID
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BOOM! Studios, along with visionary writer and director Joss Whedon *(Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Marvel's The Avengers)*, presents an all-new era of the pop culture phenomenon Firefly, as one of the most demanded stories in the franchise's history is revealed for the first time!

Focusing on family, loyalty, identity, and the price of redemption, writer Greg Pak *(Mech Cadet Yu, Star Wars)* and artist Dan McDaid *(Judge Dredd: Mega City Zero)* take you back to the battleground where Mal's journey began—the Unification War.

FIREFLY: THE UNIFICATION WAR VOL. 1 HC
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RONIN ISLAND #2

GREG PAK • GIANNIS MILONOGIANNIS
IRMA KNIVILA • SIMON BOWLAND

Young Hana and Kenichi enjoyed a life of peace on their secluded island home, until an army invaded and demanded fealty in return for protection against an even bigger threat: a mutated horde.

Now, the island is forced the cede control to General Sato—and Hana and Kenichi have a choice to make. Torn between protecting their home or standing against a threat to all of humanity, the two warriors find that their differences may divide them yet again.

RONIN ISLAND #2
IS IN COMIC SHOPS **APRIL 10!**

JIM HENSON'S THE STORYTELLER: SIRENS #1

SZTYBOR BARTOSZ • JAKUB REBELKA • JIM CAMPBELL

The critically acclaimed *Jim Henson's The Storyteller* celebrates four mythic tales of sirens, inspired by folklore from around the world and told in the spirit of Jim Henson's beloved television series. In this first issue, Polish writer Sztybor Bartosz teams with artist Jakub Rebelka *(Judas)* to reimagine the classic Polish folktale "The Fisherman and the Mermaid," in which a fisherman captures a mermaid after hearing her enchanting song.

JIM HENSON'S THE STORYTELLER: SIRENS #1
IS IN COMIC SHOPS **APRIL 3!**

OPEN THE DOOR, ADVENTURE AWAITS

HOTEL DARE

TERRY BLAS • CLAUDIA AGUIRRE • MIKE FIORENTINO

Olive and her adopted siblings, Charlotte and Darwin, are spending the summer with their estranged grandma at her creepy hotel, where it's all work and no play. They're stuck inside doing boring chores until they stumble upon an incredible secret... behind each door of the hotel lies a portal to a strange and mysterious place.

The simple turn of a knob transports them to distant magical worlds filled with space pirates, bearded wizards, and a cotton-candied kingdom. But once the doors are open, worlds start colliding, and only the Dares can save them before the hotel tears itself apart.

HOTEL DARE ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL
IS IN COMIC SHOPS **JUNE 5!**

THE BOYS ARE BACK

THE BACKSTAGERS VOL. 3

JAMES TYNION IV & SAM JOHNS • RIAN SYGH
WALTER BAIAMONTE • JIM CAMPBELL

The Backstagers are back in (stage) blacks for a festive collection of Valentine's Day and Halloween stories! Join Jory and the rest of the Backstagers as they wrestle with anti-Valentine crusades, totally creepy phantoms (NOT of the opera), and the ever present magic of the backstage world in this romantically spooky third volume of the hit series.

Reuniting the Prism Award-winning team of writer James Tynion IV and artist Rian Sygh, along with artists Brittney Williams, Rebecca Nalty, Caitlin Rose Boyle, Katy Farina, Savanna Ganucheau, Shan Murphy, and Abby Howard, these holiday tales will fill your heart with love, spooky spectres, and chocolate. Lots...and lots...of chocolate.

THE BACKSTAGERS VOL. 3
IS IN COMIC SHOPS **APRIL 24!**

THE O-TOWN UNDEAD ATTACK!

ROCKO'S MODERN AFTERLIFE #1

ANTHONY BURCH • MATTIA DI MEO
FRANCESCO SEGALA • JIM CAMPBELL

Rocko returns in this new limited series for a spooky look at everyone's favorite wallaby! Something is turning the good people of O-Town into mindless zombies and Rocko wants nothing to do with it. He barricades himself and Spunky in their home, determined to outlast the hoards outside...but desperate times call for desperate measures when Rocko's best friend Heffer becomes infected. Now, Rocko will have to risk it all to save his friends and his city!

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ROCKO'S MODERN AFTERLIFE #1
IS IN COMIC SHOPS **APRIL 3!**

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